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Spc. Sonya Edler of U.S. Army Medical Command's Medical Research and Materiel Command traverses the rope bridge during the obstacle course competition on day two of the Best Warrior Competition May 3-6 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Edler is one of 18 MEDCOM participants competing for the right to represent Army Medicine at the 2015 Department of the Army Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Best Warrior competition to be held this fall at Fort Lee, Va., and Washington, D.C. For more photos from the competition, turn to Pages 10-11.

Photo by Dr. Valecia Dunbar



Army South hosts bilateral Army staff talks between U.S., Columbia

By Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye
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Senior leaders from U.S. Army South and the Colombian army signed an engagement plan during the U.S.-Colombia Bilateral Army Staff Talks Executive Meeting at Army South headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston April 28 through May 1.

The Army South-hosted staff talks serve as a forum to communicate and work closely with partner nations to improve military cooperation, strengthen



Lt. Col. Doug Judice (standing, right), Army mission chief, U.S. Security Cooperation Office in Colombia, explains the specifics of the bilateral engagement plan to Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, U.S. Army South commanding general, and Maj. Gen. Ernesto Maldonado Guarnizo, Colombian army deputy commander, during the U.S.-Colombia Bilateral Army Staff Talks Executive Meeting April 28 through May 1 hosted by Army South headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

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May is Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage Month

By Dr. Robert B. Kane

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In 1978, Congress established Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to U.S. history and culture. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush extended the celebration to the entire month.

On Oct. 23, 1992, Congress officially designated May of each year as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of Americans of Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry to the rich heritage and cultural fabric of the U.S.

The theme for 2015 is "Many Cultures, One Voice: Promote Equality and Inclusion."

Congress selected May for this celebration because it includes the an-

niversaries of the arrival in the U.S. of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the first transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, partially by the labor of thousands of Chinese immigrants.

The term "Asia-Pacific Islands" includes the continent of Asia; the Pacific island groups of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia; the island groups of the Western and Central Pacific, such as the Philippines and the Marianas; and Hawaii, the 50th state of the U.S. About 5 percent of the population of the U.S. is of Asian or Pacific Islander descent.

Perhaps the most well-known Air Force member of Asian-Pacific Islander ancestry is Ellison Onizuka. Born in 1946 in Hawaii, he entered the Air Force in January 1970 and flew a variety of aircraft, eventually logging more



Photo courtesy NASA

STS-51L crew members pose during a break in countdown training in the White Room at Launch Pad 39B in November of 1985. From the left are Christa McAuliffe, Gregory Jarvis, Judith Resnik, Francis "Dick" Scobee, Ronald McNair, Mike Smith and Ellison Onizuka.

than 1,700 flying hours. In January 1978, he became an astronaut candidate for NASA.

Onizuka flew his first space shuttle mission aboard the Discovery in January 1985. He was a mission specialist aboard the orbiter Challenger when it exploded Jan. 28, 1986, a little over

one minute after launch from the Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

Congress posthumously promoted him to colonel, and the Air Force renamed Sunnyvale Air Force Station, California, after Onizuka Jan. 26, 1994. The Air Force officially closed the installation in

September 2011.

Another part of the Asian-Pacific American heritage is the Army's 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which was made up of Japanese-Americans from Hawaii and others that

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Medical Education & Training Campus: educating for a lifetime

By Brig. Gen. Robert I. Miller
Commandant, Medical Education
& Training Campus

I am writing this article from Washington, D.C., while attending the American Legion's National Credentialing Summit.

The focus of this summit is to educate and foster collaboration among attendees from a variety of career fields so they can return to their communities and remove the barriers that impede

veterans as they embark on civilian careers.

Healthcare is a major part of this summit that highlights all five services. To no surprise, the Medical Education & Training Campus plays a key role at this summit.

It is with pride that I sit in the audience while listening to Cmdr. Mitch Seal, former METC Director of Strategic Planning and Partnership, participate in a "Best Credentialing Practices in Health Care" panel that highlights the METC

bridge programs offering additional degree opportunities for our graduates.

METC has 43 partner schools in 23 states that represent 842 METC program-specific opportunities for degree completion at the associate, bachelor and graduate level for military-trained allied healthcare personnel.

This means 43 schools in the United States recognize the value of a METC education and reward our graduates with significant credit result-

ing in less time pursuing higher degrees in a wide array of health care specialties.

An example is the combat medic, corpsmen or med tech who decides to take advantage of a semester's worth of credit at a bridge program school that can lead to a registered nurse with an associate's degree with only one additional year of training.

Some don't stop there and continue on to obtain their bachelor's degree or

higher ... simply amazing! If this brings to mind the METC motto of "train for the mission ... educate for a lifetime", then we are thinking alike.

This is even more amazing when you consider that a mere five years ago, METC had just achieved initial operating capability in the summer of 2010. From an educational standpoint, this is a very short period of time.

In comparison, the

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FSHISD Non-Resident Student Transfer Program

Are you active duty military or retired military and work on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston? Do you live off JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with children attending schools in pre-kindergarten through grade 12? If so, your children may be eligible to attend a Fort Sam Houston Independent School District school as non-resident transfer students. The FSHISD is dedicated to serving the unique needs of the military child. While maintaining high academic standards in a caring and safe environment, students excel both in the classroom and in extra-curricular competitions. Students leave high school prepared for college or the work force. The NRT checklist, application, and agreement are posted to the District website at <http://www.fshisd.net>. Parents meeting eligibility categories may complete an application and be considered for approval in the order received based on the availability of space and resources. The completed application and supporting documents can be submitted beginning at 8 a.m. Monday via email to NRT1516@fshisd.net or in person at the District Administration Office, 4005 Winans Road. For additional information, call 368-8725 or send email to NRT1516@fshisd.net.

Volunteers needed to test gender-neutral physical standards

Joint Base San Antonio area Airmen are needed to volunteer for physical standards studies required to potentially open the last six Battlefield Airmen career fields to women and to ensure gender-neutral standards across all Air Force specialties. The Physical Tests and Standards Study runs through July 18 and will consist of familiar physical tests like running, pull ups, push ups, as well as combat-related simulations like swimming, carrying life-size dummies, rock climbing, and climbing walls. Interested Airmen should get permission from their supervisors and then email T2@us.af.mil or call 652-2043. The Re-validation of Strength Qualification Standards Study runs through Aug. 1 and will consist of familiar entry physical tests, to include those that measure strength. Airmen volunteers should contact Katie Linnenkohl at kastville@humanperfsys.com. Volunteers can come from a variety of backgrounds — active duty, guard or reserve, female and

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Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center stands up at JBSA-Lackland

By Michael Briggs

Air Force Civil Engineer Center
Public Affairs

The Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center was officially activated during a May 5 ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, appointed Maj. Gen. Theresa Carter as the first AFIMSC commander at the event attended by more than 500 people at the Basic Military Training Pfingston Reception Center auditorium.

"Today's ceremonial actions are part of a larger strategic initiative for our Air Force to reduce operating costs and provide overall mission efficiencies," Wolfenbarger said. "The Air Force has entrusted Air Force Materiel Command with the responsibility of centralizing the management, the resourcing and reach back for installation and mission support activities covering all of the Air Force's 77 major installations."

As AFMC's sixth center, AFIMSC joins the major command that serves as the Air Force lead for fielding, basing, protecting, supporting and sustaining combat capabilities.

The new center's missions include security forces, civil engineering, base communications, logistics readiness, installation ministry programs, services, operational acquisitions and financial management.

With headquarters at JBSA-Lackland, the center is the parent organization of several Air Force units that include the Air Force Security Forces Center, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Air Force Installation Contracting Agency, Air Force Services Activity, Air Force Financial Services Center and Air Force Financial Management Center of Expertise.

In addition, AFIMSC will



Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger (left), commander of Air Force Materiel Command, passes the Air Force flag to Maj. Gen. Theresa Carter, to officially activate the new Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center May 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Carter is the first commander for the newest unit headquartered in San Antonio.

serve major commands with collocated detachments designed to provide effective and efficient installation and expeditionary combat support capabilities to commanders and mission partners. Two detachments activated recently at Pacific Air Forces and Air Combat Command. The remaining eight are scheduled to activate by May 26.

The Air Force stood up a provisional AFIMSC Aug. 8, 2014, at Joint Base Andrews, Md. JBSA-Lackland was selected as the unit's permanent headquarters Jan. 15 following Air Force completion of a deliberate basing process to determine the location.

After taking command, Carter said AFIMSC is still in the early stages of building the organization.

"Over the course of the next year and a half, we'll stand up the organization,

hire the permanent staff and establish the necessary processes and procedures to deliver resources and support to commanders," she said. "We'll work side-by-side with the staffs at the major commands as we transition capabilities and workload over the next six months and prepare to fully accept resourcing responsibilities on Oct. 1."

She said she expects the unit to reach initial operating capability later this summer and to be fully operational by October 2016.

Carter said the unit's success depends on establishing trust.

"One of the many things I've learned throughout my career, but particularly as a mission support group and air base wing commander, is that the key to success is trust," she said. "You don't have to own the organization providing support; you need to trust that

they'll deliver what you need, where and when you need it, in the quantity and quality required to get the mission done.

"Trust must be earned ... hour by hour ... day by day ... through our words and actions."

Despite the enormity of the challenge ahead, the general said she's "absolutely confident" the AFIMSC team can succeed. In addressing the members of her command about the capabilities they will deliver for the Air Force, Carter referenced a quote by Winston Churchill.

"Your Air Force is tapping you on the shoulder," she said. "This is your moment and I know you're ready. Make this your finest hour and, in doing so, we'll provide our Air Force an organization that's effective, efficient, responsive and focused on supporting commanders."

BAMC HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR

Nearly 1,000 service members, retirees and family members attended the Brooke Army Medical Center Health & Safety Fair May 1 in the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Exchange parking lot. More than 40 BAMC departments provided health and safety information throughout the day and the San Antonio USO provided water and fruit to all who attended the event. There were also health and safety displays and Zumba demonstrations.



Brooke Army Medical Center Health & Safety Fair attendees and vendors participate in a Zumba demonstration May 1 in the Fort Sam Houston Exchange parking lot.

Maj. Michael Whiddon, Brooke Army Medical Center executive officer, spins the Volunteer Protection Programs safety wheel as Aden Murphy gives him a thumbs up.

Photos by BAMC Public Affairs staff



BAMC FEELS THE FORCE WITH DARTH VADER VISIT



Patient Cydni Torres meets the Dark Lord himself, Darth Vader, during his visit to Brooke Army Medical Center's Pediatric Unit May 4.



Darth Vader uses the power of the Force on Airman 1st Class Kayro Ramirez during a visit to the Brooke Army Medical Center's Pediatric Unit May 4.

Photos by Robert Shields

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SOLDIERS HONORED DURING RETIREMENT CEREMONY



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Eighteen Soldiers were recognized for their service during the monthly Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston retirement ceremony April 30 at the Quadrangle. Brig. Gen. Barbara Holcomb, Southern Regional Medical Command, was the guest speaker for the event. The retirees are (from left) Col. Nancy Kuhl-Erickson, U.S. Army Dental Command; Col. Leslie Huck, U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School; Col. David Bitterman; Col. Jane Crichton, U.S. Army South; Col. Jo Ellen Grandelli, SRMC; Col. Michael Ellerbe, U.S. Army Medical Command; Maj. Karl Hochstein, U.S. Army Public Health Command Region South; Maj. Juan Arzu, 916th Contracting Battalion; Maj. David Smith, U.S. Army North (Task Force 51); Maj. Juan Herrera, U.S. Army North (G3/7); Chief Warrant Officer 4 Curlson Green, U.S. Army South; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ercilia Talbert, U.S. Army Central; Sgt. Maj. Christopher Holliday, U.S. Army South; Master Sgt. Doretha Godley, 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command; Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Jackson, 56th Signal Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Marc Brennan, U.S. Army South; Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Randall, 264th Medical Battalion; and Staff Sgt. Lucio Guajardo III, U.S. Army South.

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male. All participants must be between the ages of 18 years and 45 years old, must have a current passing physical fitness test (all four components), current preventive health assessment/medical clearance, willing to attempt physical tasks and must complete a safety and medical screening questionnaire.

502 ABW Conducts Exercises Through Wednesday

The 502nd Air Base Wing will conduct natural disaster/chemical, biological, nuclear/antiterrorism exercises through Wednesday at all Joint Base San Antonio locations. Department of Defense and higher headquarters guidance requires exercise response plans be carried out to remain ready for emergency situations. During this exercise, expect to see increased activity from the emergency responders, hear exercise announcements over the Giant Voice system and at some locations, individuals could see road closures as well. There should be minimum impact to missions. For more information, call 808-0010.

Technology Expo At JBSA-Lackland

The 21st annual Technology Expo takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 4 at Mitchell Hall on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, located on Kenly Avenue next to the fire station. More than two dozen exhibitors are scheduled to attend this free event, which is open to all Department of Defense, government and contract personnel who have gate access. For more information, call 671-8869 or 877-332-3976.

JBSA Safe Summer Kick Off

The 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office sponsors a Safe Summer Kick Off and motorcycle safety event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland main base exchange parking lot. There will be food, live entertainment, giveaways and more.

Closure of Ludington Road

Ludington Road, located in the industrial section of the southeast corner of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, will be closed through Feb. 10, 2016, to rebuild the road. Access to the Army South organizational parking area will be from Parker Hill Road through the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron Operations storage yard. Access to the Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility, building 4115, will be restricted to contractors only.

DOD, VA training aims to share lessons learned in amputee care

By Elaine Sanchez
BAMC Public Affairs

Healthcare providers from Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs facilities across the world will gather at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Tuesday through Thursday for a joint training symposium focused on the latest innovations in amputee care.

In its second year, the Federal Advanced Amputation Skills Training Symposium will aim to equip DOD and VA physicians, therapists, prosthetists and other clinicians with a multitude of lessons learned from the past decade of war. The symposium will be hosted by the Center for the Intrepid,

Brooke Army Medical Center's state-of-the-art outpatient rehabilitation center.

The symposium is expected to draw more than 100 DOD and VA professionals from across the nation as well as a handful of physicians from the Colombian Army seeking to improve amputee care in our partner nation, according to John Shero, Director of the DOD-VA Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence.

"FAAST is a great opportunity to learn from each other and to establish contacts," Shero said. "It's vital for our patients that we share information, not just within a single care venue, but across both the DOD and VA ampu-

tee care systems."

Each day will feature morning sessions presented by nationally and internationally renowned subject matter experts, Shero explained, followed by hands-on training in areas such as adaptive sports equipment, the use of 3-dimensional printing in rehabilitation, and blood-flow restricted strength training.

Sessions such as "Intimacy After Injury" and "Depression Recognition and Treatment" will stress the importance of tending to emotional as well as physical well-being.

"After more than a decade of war, we've learned that an optimal model for amputee care places the patient at the

center of the process, and addresses their care needs with an integrated, multidisciplinary team," Shero said. "We are taking that same holistic approach with our agenda."

The goal is to equip attendees with skills that can be immediately applied to short- and long-term patient care, added Stuart Campbell, CFI program manager. "We hand-picked topics that would have the best bang for the buck for these providers," he said.

To facilitate learning, Campbell invited several patients to attend and share their experiences and challenges, including a Vietnam veteran and retired Army colonel as the keynote speaker.

"They are representa-

tive of our nation's warriors for the past 50 to 60 years," he said, "and a direct reflection of the patients both the DOD and VA serve. The goal is to raise the level of expertise across the board and deliver world-class amputee care."

Shero praised both departments for their role in this training. "The DOD and VA cannot be islands unto themselves; we owe it to the American public, to our patients, to seek improvements across the federal continuum of care.

"Our service members and veterans have made tremendous sacrifices for our nation," he added. "Our commitment remains that we will ensure all get the best possible care."

Cole teacher nominated Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching

By Jayne Hatton
FSHISD Associate Superintendent

Torie Maldonado, a Cole High School teacher in advanced placement government, economics, psychology and sociology, was recognized as the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District nominee for the 2015 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching Award at a special ceremony and reception at San Antonio's Trinity University April 17.

Maldonado joined 18 educators nominated by area school districts for their commitment and passion to education.

"The Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching Award honors public school teachers who distinguish their teaching practice through outstanding classroom performance, leader-

ship in the school and district, contributions to the education profession, and exceptional community service," said Dr. Gail Siller, FSHISD superintendent. "As a gifted teacher and coach, Maldonado has been an invaluable asset to our district, distinguishing herself as a creative and innovative teacher."

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Maldonado serves as the head girls volleyball coach, head girls track coach, UIL current issues coach and serves on the National Honor Society Faculty Council. Her philosophy is to create a program dedicated to providing a meaningful experience teaching leadership, teamwork and respect.

"I am honored to serve the students attend-

ing Cole High School," Maldonado said. "As a teacher, my goal is to make the subject matter accessible to all students. I strive to create work for students to challenge them to reach their highest level of learning."

"Torie Maldonado is a motivated and dedicated educator who provides authentic classroom experiences so students learn at a deeper level while using new knowledge in a way that prepares them for real life experiences," said Dr. Isabell Clayton, Robert G. Cole Middle and High School principal. "At the heart of her teaching is the design of engaging, challenging and meaningful work for students."

The greater San Antonio area's oldest and most prestigious teaching award, the Trinity



Courtesy photo

Michael Fischer (right), Trinity Interim President, presents Torie Maldonado, Cole advanced placement government teacher, with a Tiffany crystal apple and cash prize May 17, as the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District nominee for the 2015 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching Award.

Prize was launched in 1982 to honor public school teachers who distinguish their teaching practice through outstanding classroom performance, leadership in the school and school district, contributions to the education profes-

sion, and stellar community service.

Recipients of the Prize – which is sponsored by Trinity University's education department, along with the H-E-B Grocery Co. – each received \$2,500 and a crystal apple.

San Antonio Uniformed Service Health Education Consortium Research Day highlights medical research accomplishments

By Lori Newman
BAMC Public Affairs

The San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium held its annual Research Day April 23 at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Army and Air Force residents and fellows from SAMMC and the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center participated in presentations highlighting their original research in their specialties of study.

The competition featured oral or poster presentations showcasing research in trauma, infectious disease, neonatology, immunology, general surgery, internal medicine and many other specialties.

“It is truly a wonderful effort that everyone produced. Whether you win or not, you are all winners because research is so crucial to the advancement of medicine and health in general,” said Col. Glenn Yap, 59th Medical Wing vice commander.

“I truly appreciate how valuable and how difficult research is. Hopefully for many of you, this is just your first stage of your research careers.”

Brooke Army Medical Center has more than 35 graduate medical education programs that train more than 600 resident physicians.

“We are blown away with your work as residents and fellows here,”

said BAMC commander Col. Evan Renz. “There was a wide variety of topics, very applicable topics most of which can be translated into care within a clinical setting very easily.”

Renz challenged the residents to publish their work and he committed resources to help accomplish that goal.

“You are advancing the science of medicine, no matter how small you think it is, you just never know what your research will eventually evolve to in the future,” Yap said.

The first, second and third winners in each category were:

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Photo by Robert Shields

Air Force Capt. Alicia Pallett (left) discusses her poster presentation with 59th Medical Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Maurice James during the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium Research Day event April 23 in the San Antonio Military Medical Center medical mall.

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professional relationships and have lasting effects on the peace and stability of the region.

"The U.S.-Colombia Bilateral Army Staff Talks Executive Meeting is where the Army South commanding general meets with senior Colombian army generals to formally sign an agreement on army-to-army activities for the next two to five years," said Lt. Col. Mark Verdi, Army South Andean Ridge lead.

The program is part of a year-long planning process between Army South and Colombian army leaders and ends with a senior leader engagement that highlights the two armies' hard work together.

Throughout the planning process, both armies discussed capabilities for peace-keeping, security,

humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. The intent is to allow them to determine specific military engagements which will benefit both countries.

"Strengthening our partnership will solidify our faith in the common causes that concern us in the region," said Colombian Maj. Gen. Ernesto Maldonado Guarnizo, Colombian army deputy commander.

Engagements agreed to include expert exchanges, Colombian soldiers and leaders attending select U.S. military schools in their respective professions and mutual participation in exercises such as Beyond the Horizon, an annual exercise deploying U.S. military engineers and medical professionals to partner nation countries for training, while providing humanitarian services to rural communities.

"The real benefit is to strengthen the relationship between our two armies and our two countries. We need each other to accomplish all the objectives stated in the final agreement," said Colombian Maj. Gen. Fernando Pineda Solante, chief of engineer directorate for the Colombian army.

Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, Army South commanding general, said he valued the frank conversations throughout the staff and he affirmed Army South's commitment to continuously work together with the Colombian army to support its mission.

"I think it's safe to say there are no two armies in the whole world busier than both of our armies at this point and time. As we go through significant challenges of current operations and transformations, we can do this



Photo by Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye

U.S. Army South hosted the U.S.-Colombia Bilateral Army Staff Talks Executive Meeting April 28 through May 1 at the ARSOUTH headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

arm-in-arm and continue our great relationship," DiSalvo said.

At the end of the week-long event, DiSalvo and Maldonado signed a bilateral engagement plan to conduct training and operations together in the upcoming years.

As the head of the

Colombian delegation, Maldonado said he was happy with the outcome of the staff talks, which will increase success as both countries continue to transform and address challenges in the region.

"It's very satisfying to see the positive results that have come from

extensive discussions and agreements to partner together in the future," Maldonado said. "Planned engagements are important to expanding doctrine, as well as streamlining the transformation process and helping each country face any post conflict challenges."

Policy change allows active duty Airmen to have direct access to physical therapy clinics

The Air Force Medical Operations Agency has recently directed all Air Force military treatment facilities to establish direct access physical therapy clinics for active duty members.

The policy shift will now allow an active duty member with an acute musculoskeletal injury to make an appointment directly with a physical therapist.

For three of the past five years, musculoskeletal injuries, such as knee sprains, have been the number one reason for an active duty Airman to seek care at an MTF.

In addition, musculoskeletal injuries are the largest reason for limited-duty profiles in the Air

Force, causing more than 47 percent of the profiles in 2013.

Typically, Airmen sought care within the family practice or flight and operational medicine clinics and may have received a referral to a physical therapy clinic.

"Air Force physical therapists are trained and credentialed to provide independent practice, to include medication prescription, order appropriate diagnostic imaging, place patients on profiles, and refer to other practitioners as appropriate," said Col. Joseph Rogers, a physical therapy consultant to the Air Force surgeon general.

Rogers also cited recent military research showed

"patients who received early physical therapy had total lower healthcare costs, fewer medical appointments, and fewer invasive procedures than those with delayed physical therapy addressed more than 14 days after injury."

With early access to care, physical therapists can provide tailored treatments to each patient.

"Treatment may consist of manipulation, dry needling, exercise or modalities," said Lt. Col. Brian Young, the assistant professor at U.S. Army-Baylor University doctor of physical program and Air Force physical therapy clinical operations chairman. "In today's fiscally

constrained environment and exponential increase in healthcare costs, early access to physical therapy is key for early return to duty and function after musculoskeletal injuries."

According to Rogers, with the recent policy release, each MTF will implement these changes over the next few months.

"We expect each physical therapy clinic to establish appointment availability for acute injuries by the end of the summer," he said.

Active-duty members should contact their local MTF for more information.

(Source: Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs)

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Photo by Lisa Braun

Brig. Gen. Robert Miller (right), commandant of the Medical Education & Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, talks with Air Force Airman Amber Olson (left) and Navy Seaman Joshua Raiford (center), students in the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program. Olson and Raiford are learning basic nursing skills while conducting training in the program's Nurse Synthesis lab.

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Uniformed Services University, which also conducts tri-service training for doctors, nurses and dentists, opened its' doors more than 40 years ago in 1972 and comparisons between the quality medics coming from both schools is already occurring.

It goes to show that with the right mix of

visionary leadership at all levels and hard working staff committed to a single mission, amazing things can happen.

Whether a military medic is supporting the war effort or transitioning to support their hometown community as a military veteran, I thank our incredible staff for METC's success.

Instructors, headquar-

ters staff, administrative assistants, logistics and facility support personnel are all critical members of the METC family, and that is just naming a few.

I have no doubt that the METC team will eclipse 1,000 new METC-based degree completion opportunities in the very near future.

Happy 5th Anniversary METC, and yes ... we are just getting started!

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were held in detention camps.

The detention camps were established by the U.S. government in February 1942 in result of the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Imperial Navy on Dec. 7, 1941, and housed 120,000 Japanese-Americans who had been living in Pacific Coast states.

By May 1945, the 442nd RCT and the 100th IB, fighting in Italy and southern France, had become the most highly deco-

rated U.S. military units of their size. They had accumulated more than 18,000 individual decorations for bravery, including 18 Medals of Honor; 52 Distinguished Service Crosses; and 9,500 Purple Hearts, with many Soldiers earning multiple awards. In addition, the two units collectively received seven Presidential Unit Citations.

One of the most well-known members of the 442nd RCT was Daniel K. Inouye, the first U.S. congressman of Japanese ancestry

and the second longest-serving senator.

During World War II, he received a battlefield commission and promotion to second lieutenant. He also received many decorations to include the Distinguished Service Cross, which was later upgraded to the Medal of Honor in 2000.

He is among 30 Asian-Americans who have received America's highest military award. He served as U.S. senator from Hawaii from 1963 until his death on Dec. 17, 2012.

Army Medical Command releases MERCURY special edition on women's health programs

By Dr. Valecia L. Dunbar
Army Medicine Public Affairs

As part of its Women's Health Month observances, the U.S. Army Medical Command has released the first special edition of MERCURY, its official monthly publication, to report on recent women's health programs and women's health innovations in Army Medicine and across the military health system.

"This special edition provides an overview of MEDCOM's key initiatives in women's health, including the

work of the Women's Health Task Force to address health concerns of women serving in combat and involvement in the Soldier 2020 Gender Integration Study to identify potential health concerns these expanded specialties may present to our female Soldiers," said Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army surgeon general and commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command. "It also highlights programs and facilities that exemplify the best of Army Medicine, our partners, and the communities we serve."

The MERCURY special edition on women's health is relevant and timely because it marks a critical shift in the armed forces wherein the numbers of women serving in the armed forces, as well as the number of women veterans, is steadily increasing.

It also marks the accomplishments of the Army's first female surgeon general, the efforts of the Department of Defense, and Military Health System leadership to bring women's health and readiness to the forefront of military healthcare.

This publication can serve as a resource for educators, researchers, providers and practitioners interested in military women's health issues.

The MERCURY special edition on women's health is available for download at <https://www.dvidshub.net/publication/issues/25309>.



Illustration courtesy Army Medical Command

As part of its Women's Health Month observances, U.S. Army Medical Command releases a special edition of its monthly publication MERCURY, to focus on women's health.

Staff Sgt. Rachel Quiroz, from the U.S. Army Medical Command's Western Regional Medical Command navigates the obstacle course on day two of the MEDCOM 2015 Best Warrior Competition Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Quiroz is one of 18 MEDCOM participants competing to represent Army Medicine at the 2015 Department of the Army Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Best Warrior competition to be held this fall at Fort Lee, Va., and Washington, D.C.

Photo by Dr. Valecia Dunbar



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

A Soldier from U.S. Army South lays prone while aiming his M16 during the second day of the Best Warrior Competition at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis May 5. The competition tested Soldiers in a variety of events to include the Army Physical Fitness Test, combat scenario tasks and a 12-mile road march. U.S. Army South hosted the event and competitors from U.S. Army South, U.S. Army North, Medical Command and U.S. Army Installation Command competed to advance to the U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition this fall at Fort Lee, Va., and Washington, D.C.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

Sgt. Alexander Seeds, a medic with the Northern Regional Medical Command, applies a tourniquet during the situational training exercise at the Best Warrior Competition at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis May 5. During the exercise, Soldiers were tested in a variety of situations to include medical assistance, communication and weapons.

A Soldier from U.S. Army South goes inverted to move across the rope bridge during the second day of the Best Warrior Competition at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis May 5.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt



Photo by Amanda Rodriguez

Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis was the place to be May 3-6 as the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, U.S. Army South, U.S. Army North and U.S. Army Medical Command held their 2015 Best Warrior Competitions. Day one events included Army Physical Fitness Test, day and night land navigation and weapons qualification, shown here.



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Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Staff Sgt. Mirick Hall, Operations Company U.S. Army North, maneuvers through the obstacle course competition on day two of the Best Warrior Competition.

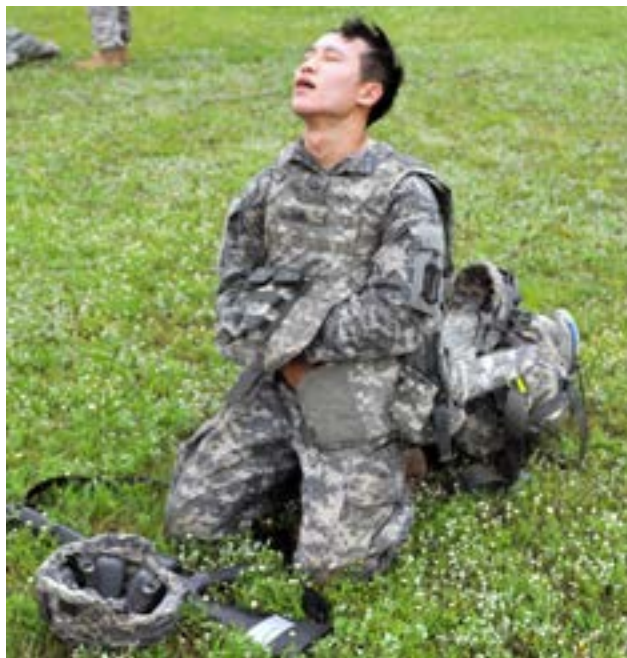


Photo by Dr. Valecia Dunbar

Pfc. June Han of the 618th Dental Company, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea, shows relief after completing the 12-mile ruck march on day three of the Army Medical Command 2015 Best Warrior Competition at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.



Spc. Hai Nguyen, of the U.S. Army Medical Command's Southern Regional Medical Command hangs onto the bars during the obstacle course on day two of the MEDCOM 2015 Best Warrior Competition at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

Photo by Dr. Valecia Dunbar



Staff Sgt. Mirick Hall, Operations Company U.S. Army North, concentrates while maneuvering across the rope bridge during the obstacle course competition on day two of the MEDCOM Best Warrior Competition.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos



Photo by Amanda Rodriguez

A Soldier makes his way through the ladder on the obstacle course during the second day of the Best Warrior Competition at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis May 5.



Photo by Amanda Rodriguez

Soldiers participating in the 2015 Best Warrior competition get a safety brief at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis before the official start of the competition.

Army history: Medical supplies were delivered via artillery shells during World War II

From the U.S. Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage Archives

In desperation, re-supply was conducted by artillery, which

could both be more precise and operate around the clock.

These images show how special artillery rounds were used during World War II to transport medical supplies to American Soldiers surrounded by German forces.

In late October 1944, German counterattacks isolated much of the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment of the 36th Division.

Supplies were dropped from fighter-bombers, but the weather deteriorated and German pressure pushed in the "Lost Battalion" perimeter.



The specialty round is about to be fired by the 141th Field Artillery Battalion, Belmont Sector, France. Both images are from Oct. 27, 1944.



Photos courtesy U.S. Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage Archives

Personnel from the 11th Medical Battalion in Eloves, France pack the small bundles of medical supplies. These artillery shells normally carried propaganda leaflets or food such as D-rations, vitamin-fortified chocolate bars and water-purification tablets.

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Army looking at credentialing Soldiers for jobs

By Lisa Ferdinando
Army News Service

While the Army does a great job of training Soldiers for the battlefield, it needs to do a better job of getting members credentialed for the civilian marketplace, Maj. Gen. Rex A. Spitler said.

There are "great opportunities" for the Army in this area, said Spitler, deputy chief of staff, Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Spitler, a keynote speaker at the American Legion National Credentialing Summit here, April 28, said it is a large-scale effort for his command since 500,000 people go through TRADOC schools each year.

The Army trains its members to engage in the complex world, where the next battle is "unknown and unknowable," he said. "We're not quite sure what we're going to see when we go into that next battle."

Under such circumstances, the Army requires a highly-trained force and depends on Soldiers to be able to think innovatively and be able to survive and thrive in chaos, Spitler said.

"That means in all of the training that the young Soldier receives when he comes in at the beginning of that pipeline, until he gets pushed out at retirement or anytime in between there, he is learning how to operate in chaos," he said.

That benefits Soldiers far beyond the battlefield, Spitler said.

"We're training them how to survive and win in any environment that they're engaged in, which also includes the civilian marketplace," he said.

The Army needs to make sure Soldiers have the best skills that benefit the Army, he said. But it is also important that Soldiers can get credentialed and transfer those skills to the civilian marketplace once they leave the force, he added.

"Even after 35 years of being in the military, if this is my last year, which I hope it's not, I have to get another job," Spitler said. "People are living and working a lot longer."

Soldiers embody the values taught to them in the military, he said, making them great employees in the civilian world.

The Army's Soldier for Life program is an excellent example of showcasing how Soldiers serve their whole lives – from when they enter the Army, through when they re-enter the civilian world and are productive members of their community.

"The work that we are doing here is not just limited to that 18-year-old, who is joining the military looking for a skill – that is also applicable to the 50-year-old, who is transitioning out of the military," Spitler said.

It is important for the Army to make sure the message of credentialing, education and opportunities gets out in an understandable fashion, he said. "We have some work to do, especially associated with credentialing," he said.

Credentialing and readiness go hand-in-hand, said Col. Reed Hudgins, TRADOC's director of credentialing, certification and licensing.

That hand-in-hand



Photo by Lisa Ferdinando
Maj. Gen. Rex A. Spitler, deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, speaks during the American Legion's National Credentialing Summit on the importance of getting Soldiers credentialed in skills for the civilian workforce in Washington, D.C., April 28.

walk begins when Soldiers enter the Army, and it continues their entire career, Hudgins told a panel discussion.

"It's a lifelong process – a life-long process that speaks to readiness for us inside the military," he said.

Credentialing saves money since the training or certification could be low or no-cost to the Army, maintains a professionalized force with industry's best practices, and keeps members interested and challenged, he said.

Since industry's best practices make up credentialing, the skills are in demand, fresh, and viable, he noted.

Credentialing is not just for the active Army, Spitler said. "It's applicable to the total force; without the National Guard, without the Reserve, we can't do what it is we do," he said.

The American Legion

conference brought together veterans, government officials and members of all the services for a two-day event that began April 28.

The conference highlighted the importance of creating a skilled workforce that not only strengthens the military in these challenging times, but also helps the military member, said Steve Gonzalez, assistant director, veterans employment and education division at the American Legion.

The two-day meeting aimed to reassess what is needed to be the "21st-century military force we need," while also considering the military drawdown and transition of those who served the nation, Gonzalez said.

Those in the military and their Families should find out now what opportunities for credentialing are available to them, so they can make the greatest use of the education, training, and opportunities, to benefit them now and down the road, he said.

One of the challenges, Spitler said, is to ensure a discussion occurs not only at the individual level through word of mouth, but also from an institutional standpoint so Soldiers are aware of the opportunities the day they join.

He used an example from his experience at flight school in 1981. He said not much has changed since then when he heard through word of mouth and paid out of his own pocket to be credentialed through the Federal Aviation Administration.

"I think we have an opportunity here to change that," he said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Ellis

The North Central Federal Clinic is an alternate location on the north side of the City of San Antonio for TRICARE beneficiaries to receive a wide-range of health care services. The NCFC provides services to approximately 12,000 veterans and TRICARE beneficiaries annually.

North Central Federal Clinic: meeting the health care needs of TRICARE beneficiaries

By Staff Sgt. Michael Ellis
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

TRICARE beneficiaries on the north side of the City of San Antonio no longer have to drive across town to receive services at a military treatment facility. Since the opening of the North Central Federal Clinic, members have more convenient access to a wide range of services closer to home.

"I like to get my care at North Central Federal Clinic. I always can find a parking spot, and the wait time to be seen by my doctor is usually minimal" said one NCFC patient. "They even have a lab where you can get your blood drawn and a pharmacy for medications," he added.

The North Central Federal Clinic provides health care services to approximately 12,000 veterans and TRICARE beneficiaries annually. Services include primary

care, nutrition counseling, pharmacy services, laboratory, radiology, outpatient mental health, social work, patient education services and more.

Although the one-story facility may be modest in size, the standards for quality of care is on par with all military treatment facilities.

"I have to admit it, the NCFC is better than going to the major facilities around town," said another patient. "Unless it is an absolute emergency, I'll stick with NCFC for all my needs."

Services are appointment-based. To schedule an appointment, call 483-2929 or 866-909-5731. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic does not provide emergency care services. In case of a medical emergency, call 911 or a local emergency medical service.

President nominates new chairman of the joint chiefs of staff

By Cheryl Pellerin
DOD News, Defense Media Activity

President Barack Obama nominated Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. to serve as the 19th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva to serve as the 10th vice chairman.

During an announcement in the White House Rose Garden May 5, the president said that among military leaders, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the principal military adviser to him and his national security team.

Members of that team, including Defense Secretary Ash Carter, were in the audience.

"In recent years, I have been deeply grateful for the service of our chairman, Gen. Marty Dempsey, and our vice chairman, Adm. Sandy Winnefeld. Marty and Sandy will complete their terms later this year," Obama said.

To Dempsey and Winnefeld, the president

said he's relied on their advice, counsel and judgment as the nation has navigated the urgent challenges of recent years. Obama also thanked their families for decades of support.

"From ending our combat mission in Afghanistan to leading the international coalition to destroy [the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant], conducting humanitarian operations from typhoon relief in the Philippines to fighting Ebola in West Africa, and strengthening our security alliances from Europe to Asia," Obama said, "at every step, you have been critical to our processes, and I have valued not only your counsel but your friendships."

Introducing his choice to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Obama called Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. one of the military's most admired officers.

Dunford has served as commandant of the Marine Corps since Oct. 17, 2014.



White House photo by Pete Souza

President Barack Obama delivers remarks May 5 announcing Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. as the nominee for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva (far right) as the nominee for vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in the Rose Garden of the White House. National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice, Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Vice President Joe Biden also participated.

Dunford is a Boston native, the son of a retired Boston police officer and Marine veteran of Korea, the president said, adding, "Joe followed in his father's footsteps and has distinguished himself through nearly 40 years of military service."

Dunford has commanded Marines in the field from the platoon level to a Marine expeditionary

force. During the invasion of Iraq, he led Marines in the charge to Baghdad, Obama said.

According to a post on MarinesBlog, the official Marine Corps blog, it was in Iraq that he earned the nickname "Fightin' Joe," while serving in 2003 under Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis and leading Regimental Combat Team 5 during the

initial invasion.

"I have been extraordinarily impressed by Joe, from the situation room where he helped to shape our enduring commitment to Afghanistan, to my visit last year to Bagram, where I saw his leadership first-hand," the president said.

"I know Joe. I trust him. He's already proven his ability to give me

his unvarnished military advice based on his experience on the ground," Obama said.

Under Dunford's steady hand, the president added, Afghanistan achieved key milestones, including the taking the lead for their own security, historic elections, and the drawdown of U.S. forces, all of which set the stage for the end of the U.S. combat mission there.

Obama thanked Dunford and his wife Ella for their continued service to the nation before introducing his choice to be vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Paul Selva.

Selva is a pilot and a commander with 35 years of military service.

"As leader of Air Mobility Command, he earned a reputation as a force for change and innovation," Obama said. "I understand that when it was time to deliver the final C-17 to the Air Force, Paul went to the cockpit and helped fly it

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Army Training Network now accessible without needing Common Access Card

By Mike Casey
Combined Arms Center-Training
Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Soldiers can now use smart phones and computer tablets to access the Army's primary website for training information.

Previously, they needed a computer with a Common Access Card to find resources on the Army Training Network.

The Army recently began allowing users to access ATN with a username and password.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno directed the implementation of username/password access to the Army's single point of entry for all things training – the Army Training Network – to ensure widest access to authoritative

training information.

"This is a big step forward for the Army," said Col. Thomas J. Trossen, director of the Training Management Directorate, which is leading the change at ATN. "As we create more apps and websites for training and training management, we must include the Soldier and unit-level training managers at the opera-

tional point of need."

All users of ATN with a CAC have the option from the ATN landing page to sign up for a username and password through the Defense Manpower Data Center. With their username and password, they can log on to ATN with any device that has an Internet connection.

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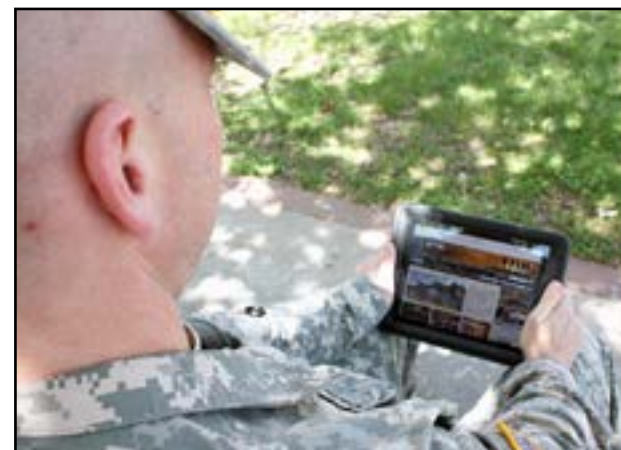


Photo by Mike Casey

Maj. David Vodarick peruses the Army Training Network on his computer tablet. Now Soldiers can use smart phones and computer tablets to access the network, the Army's primary website for training information. Vodarick is assigned to the Training Management Directorate at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Hospital corpsmen volunteer; share tradition, discover military history

By Chief Petty Officer L.A. Shively
Navy Medicine Education and
Training Command Public Affairs

More than 100 Navy Medicine Training Support staff and students from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston volunteered several hundred hours during Fiesta San Antonio April 16-26, fulfilling not only a desire to give back to the community, but also to quench a thirst to discover and learn about the wealth of military history in the Alamo City and beyond.

Fiesta San Antonio is a series of events honoring the defenders who fought in "Battle of the Alamo" and the "Battle of San Jacinto" in 1836, both important events that shaped the history of Texas.

During the war for independence from Mexico in 1835, a group of volunteer Texans, also known as Texian soldiers, occupied the Alamo, a former Franciscan mission in order to defend Texas settlements.

A force of thousands led by Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna began a bloody siege of the fort Feb. 23, 1836. The Alamo's defenders

— some 200 commanded by James Bowie, William Travis and David Crockett — held out for 13 days before the Mexican invaders overwhelmed them.

For Texans, the Battle of the Alamo is an enduring symbol of heroism and resistance to oppression while fighting for independence, which was won at San Jacinto two months later. Led by Gen. Sam Houston, the Texian Army defeated Santa Anna and his Mexican army in a fight that lasted just under 20 minutes.

Today's Fiesta, a San Antonio tradition, features hundreds of events and needs many thousands of volunteers. All of the festivities of Fiesta San Antonio are for the purpose of fundraising to further education and other charitable goals.

NMTSC Sailors stepped up, planning and participating while collaborating with 11 other Navy commands in San Antonio for many of the Fiesta events. Navy Day at the Alamo was the most high-profile event, showcasing the skills and training of hospital corpsman from NMTSC, master-at-arms from Navy Technical

Training Center at JBSA-Lackland and a flag-folding demonstration by the Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio.

Sailors cleaned up graffiti, showed Navy presence aboard floats and marched in various parades and took time from their packed days to make guests at the All-American Canteen feel special.

The All-American Canteen is a dinner and dance event that honors the World War II military with a 1940s ambiance. Guests wore period uniforms and clothing and danced the jitterbug and boogie-woogie to big-band music from a live orchestra.

It pays homage to Broadway's Stage Door Canteen in New York City during World War II.

Run by a volunteer organization known as the American Theatre Wing, the Stage Door Canteen offered servicemen nights of dancing, entertainment, food and nonalcoholic drinks, and even opportunities to hobnob with celebrities like Marlene Dietrich and Lauren Bacall.

Helen Hayes served sandwiches while actors Alfred Lunt and Sam Jaffe



Photo by Chief Petty Officer L.A. Shively

Retired director of the Fort Sam Houston Museum and retired Army colonel John Manguso raises his hand over Denise Poppe, current president of the military side of the Military-Civilian Club, one of several guests wearing authentic World War uniforms during a competition at the All-American Canteen, asking for applause. The All-American Canteen is a dinner and dance event held during Fiesta San Antonio. The event honors World War II military with a 1940s ambiance. Guests wore period uniforms and clothing and danced to big band music from a live orchestra.

cleared away the plates according to the National World War II Museum.

The entire operation was gratis from the donation of the space in the basement of the 44th Street Theater; the remodeling provided by the theatre trade unions; to the food and supplies; to the volunteers who served the sandwiches and bussed the tables.

By November 1945, Stage Door Canteens were operating in eight U.S. cities, London and Paris. Together, they entertained and fed 11 million Allied

servicemen.

"We seated guests and made them feel welcome," said Chief Petty Officer Mamadou Sambe. Navy volunteers wore their mess dress and Sambe said many guests were very pleased to see the formal uniforms and speak with Sailors.

It rekindles a sense of camaraderie Sambe explained, adding that he's always been interested in the WWII era and having the opportunity to attend this event was something special he wants to share with

other, younger Sailors.

"People are familiar with WWII and we work the other services in to the theme because they are here in town," explained John Manguso, retired director of the Fort Sam Houston Museum and retired Army colonel.

Each of the committee for the All American Canteen volunteers to coordinate and set up the event. Of course volunteers outside of the committee are welcome.

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Newcomer's Orientation

Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Mandatory for military and civilian personnel newly assigned to JBSA. Service members must coordinate with their unit personnel coordinator or commander support element to schedule their orientation. Call 221-2705.

Hearts Apart

Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Hearts Apart is a support group for families separated due to deployment, unaccompanied tour or extended temporary duty assignments. Call 221-2418.

Army Family Advocacy Programs Unit Training

Tuesday, 1-2 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This is a mandated

training in accordance with Army Regulation 608-18 covering domestic and child abuse identification, reporting and prevention, the Lautenberg amendment, restricted and unrestricted reporting and victim compensation. Call 221-2418.

Retirement, Pre-Separation Counseling

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Retiring or separating from the military? Retirement and pre-separation counseling is a mandatory briefing. Schedule your appointment up to 24 months before your retirement date or up to 12 months prior to your separation date. Classes fill quickly. To register, call 221-2380.

LINKS Class

Tuesday, May 26, 1-3 p.m., Family Advocacy Program portable building 3387, 3030 Patch Road. This class focuses on reconnecting with a partner through discussion on gender differences, communication and intimacy. Call 292-5967.

Pre-Deployment Briefing

Tuesday, May 26, 9-11 a.m. and Thursday, May 21, 28, Joint Base

San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. All military members scheduled to deploy, go on temporary duty for more than 30 days or on a remote assignment are required to attend this briefing. Call 221-2418.

Teen Talk

Tuesday, 4:15-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. This discussion group is for teens on teen related topics. Teens must be enrolled in Youth Programs to participate and may choose to attend at either time. Call 221-2418.

Helping Us Grow Securely (HUGS) Playgroup

Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. This playgroup provides interactional activities and offers socialization for parents. The HUGS Playgroup is open to parents and children from birth to 5 years old. No registration required. Call 221-2418.

Family Readiness Group For Command Leadership

Wednesday, 8:30 to noon, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center,

building 2797. The Family Readiness Group plays a critical role in assisting commands with their mission. This training provides command leadership better understanding of their FRGs, how to utilize their volunteers, in addition to their roles and responsibilities to the families. Call 221-2705.

Interviewing Process, Dress for Success

Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. First impressions are important, especially for a job interview. Learn how to create the right image, prepare for an interview and how to communicating effectively with your interviewer. Call 221-2380.

Sponsorship Training

Wednesday, 2-3 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. According to Air Force Instruction 36-2103, sponsors must complete the Electronic Sponsorship Application & Training (eSAT). This training is available at <http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/> ESAT and provides registration for sponsors and a training certificate

for personnel files, sponsorship duty checklist, newcomer needs assessment, welcome packet and links to important Department of Defense and service relocation website. For details, call 221-2705.

Post-Deployment Briefing

Wednesday, May 27, 1-3 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. All military members returning from deployment are required to attend resiliency training to help reintegrate into home life. Discuss how to deal with the stressors associated with returning home. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Call 221-2418.

Soldier And Family Assistance Center Peer-To-Peer Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Soldier And Family Assistance Center, Building 3639, Warrior Village Brooke Army Medical Center Campus. Call 221-2705.

Active Parenting Of Teens

Thursday, May 28, 2-4 p.m., Family Advocacy Program portable building 3387, 3030 Patch Road. This class will give parents the confidence and courage to meet the challenges while

savoring the joy of their children's teen years. Call 292-5967.

Safety Seat Clinic

Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Fire Station, building 3830. This clinic assists in the inspection and installation of child safety seats to ensure children are safely and properly restrained when on the road. Registration is required, vehicle, parent and child(ren) must be present. Parents will be seen by appointment only, call 221-2418 to sign up.

Volunteer Orientation

May 27, 9-10 a.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Newly assigned volunteers will in-process and receive training on their responsibilities. Call 221-2380 to register.

Volunteer Management Information System

May 27, 10-11 a.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Volunteers will receive hands on training with the Volunteer Management Information System. Open to all registered volunteers. Call 221-2380.

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Charlie Ostrand, technical branch chief for the Army Training Management System, said that users originally needed a CAC card for security reasons even though the information on ATN is unclassified.

Nevertheless, TMD teams needed to make some changes to ATN. They segregated information that is For Official Use Only, or FOUO, which is only available to CAC card users, Ostrand said. "Some 93 percent of the information on ATN will be accessible with an Internet connection, username and password," he said. "Units in the field can have online access, and commanders will not have to carry stacks of

training documents."

ATN provides access to a number of training resources such as Unit Training Management, NCO Corner, Combined Arms Training Strategies, the Digital Training Management System (CAC users only) and leader development materials.

In addition, the site has links to videos to help with conducting training meetings, event rehearsals, after-action reviews and other topics. ATN's search feature allows commanders to find the information they need to develop versatile units and innovative leaders.

TMD is a subordinate organization of the Combined Arms Center-Training. CAC-T manages Army training support and training development programs.

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himself."

As head of Transportation Command, the president said Selva has been committed to partnerships that are a core principle of the national security strategy, "whether it's supplying our joint force around the world in operations large and small, to supporting and keeping safe our diplomats and embassy personnel overseas."

And because Selva served as Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's military adviser for the first years of Obama's presidency, he grasps the strategic environment in which U.S. forces operate, the president added.

"He understands that our military, as powerful as it is, is one tool that must be used in concert with all the elements of our national power," Obama said, thanking Selva and his wife Ricki, who also served in the Air Force, for taking on this next chapter of their service together.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in a statement released today that Dunford has been an infantry officer at every level, and that Selva has been an innovator throughout his career.

"They're exemplary leaders," Carter added, "and they both have the strategic perspective and operational experience to help guide our military and advise the president at a time of much

change in the world."

Also in a statement issued today, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said he's known Dunford for nearly half his 39 years of service.

"He is a phenomenal, combat-tested leader and a man of integrity, courage and humility," Dempsey said.

"General Selva is also a leader of competence and character," the chairman added. "He has a tremendous understanding of the global security challenges we face and experience at every echelon of command, most recently leading our global transportation network."

As Obama concluded his remarks, he told Dunford and Selva that the nation continues to

call on its armed forces to meet a range of challenges.

"We have to keep training Afghan forces and remain relentless against al Qaeda. We have to push back against ISIL and strengthen forces in Syria and build moderate opposition in Syria," he said.

The nation also must stand united with its allies in Europe and keep rebalancing its posture as a Pacific power, and continue to invest in new capabilities to meet growing threats, including cyberattacks, Obama added.

"As commander-in-chief, I'll be looking to you for your honest military advice as we meet these challenges," he said.



Warrant Officer Association Meeting

The May meeting of the Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association is at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road, at the corner of Rittiman and Harry Wurzbach. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, call 413-1965 or 257-0931.

Rain Barrel Workshop

The Bexar County Master Gardeners present a rain barrel-making workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the City Hall Campus, City of Fair Oaks Ranch, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas. The fee is \$50 per person. Make and take your own rain barrel in just a few hours by attending this workshop. Presented by Troy Luepke, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services, and Bexar County Master Gardener rainwater specialists. There is a limit of 30

for the class. For more information, call 698-0900.

Edible, Poisonous, Sacred Plants

The Bexar County Master Gardeners present a class in edible, poisonous and sacred plants, from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212, San Antonio. The free class is taught by Paul Cox, botanist, co-author of "Texas Trees, a Friendly Guide," and former horticulturist for the City of San Antonio, who will share his expertise on plants that we might not recognize as edible, poisonous or considered sacred. For more information, call 699-0663.

Four Parks and Recreation Regional Pools Now Open

Stay cool at one of the Parks and Recreation Department's four regional pools, now open through June 11, offering open swimming Tuesday through Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. Lap swimming will also be available Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Admission is free. The regional pools are Heritage, 1423 Ellison Dr.; Lady Bird Johnson, 10700 Nacogdoches; South Side Lions, 3100 Hiawatha; and Woodlawn,

221 Alexander Ave. In addition, the four regional pools will be open in celebration of the Memorial Day weekend to include May 23-25 from 1 to 7 p.m. The regular outdoor pool season that includes 23 outdoor pools begins June 13 and continues through Aug. 16. For more information, call 207-3299.

New San Antonio Women's Basketball Team

The San Antonio Crusaders is a women's professional development league basketball team that starts their season Saturday, competing in Mid-South Division of the Women's Blue-Chip Basketball League. The Crusaders will compete against Dallas Lady Diesel, Houston Sparks, Shreveport Suns and Texas Storm. The WBCBL league was founded in 2004 as a way to provide highly competitive basketball for women in the United States and give them exposure to play at the next level. The Crusaders will be competing at the Antioch Sports Complex, 314 Eross Street in San Antonio. For more information, visit <http://sacrusaderbball.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/sanantoniocrusadersbball>.

Texas Military Polo Club

Interested in a challenge and

know how to ride a horse? The Texas Military Polo Club is offering polo lessons. For more information, call 512-484-4384 or visit <http://www.facebook.com/texasmilitarypolo>.

Military Salute At The Briscoe Museum

The Briscoe Western Art Museum, located at 210 W. Market St. in San Antonio, offers a military salute program that allows year-round free admission for active duty military and up to four members of their family. For more information, visit <http://www.briscoemuseum.org>.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The Sgt. Maj. Of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited. Call 539-1178.

Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

Dodd Field Chapel

Building 1721, 5584 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan
10:30 a.m. - Gospel

Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Contemporary Service
11:01 - Contemporary "Crossroads"

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

Building 3600,
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.

11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way

11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

Saturday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD

8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC

9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC

11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC

12:30 p.m. - Afternoon Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,

Friday, MPC

8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,
Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:15 p.m. - Jumma, Friday,
AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD

BUDDHIST SERVICES

10 a.m. - Buddhist Services,
Saturday, AMEDD

For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/jbsachapel/samhoustan.asp>.

RESEARCH from P7

Fellow Podium Presentations

First place: Maj. Karen Bruner, allergy/immunology, "The Glycerin Associated Pain Study."

Second Place: Capt. Bradley Doles, neonatology, "Effect of Bias Flow and Mean Airway Pressure on CO2 Elimination During High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilation in a Neonatal Piglet (Sus scrofa) Model."

Third Place: Capt. David Chang, infectious disease, "Antimicrobial Activity of Gallium III Compounds Against Biofilms of Multi-

drug-Resistant Isolates of *Acinetobacter baumannii*."

Resident Podium Presentations

First place: Capt. Clayton Lewis, general surgery, "Tranexamic Acid Administration and Association with Post-Trauma Infections."

Second place: Capt. Thomas Mitchell, general surgery, "Auto-transfusion of Hemothorax Blood is Prothrombic but Inhibits Platelet Aggregation: A Potentiator of Disseminated Intra-vascular Coagulation."

Third place: Capt. Geoffrey Carlson, internal medicine, "Evaluation

of ACEi/ARB Therapy in Immunotherapy-Associated Systemic Reactions."

Resident Research Poster Presentations

First place: Capt. Alicia Pallett, obstetrics/gynecology, "Informed Consent for Hysterectomy: Does a Video Presentation Improve Patient Comprehension?"

Second place: Capt. Joseph Yabes, internal medicine, "In Vitro Activity of Manuka Honey and Polyhexamethylene Biguanide on Filamentous Fungi and Toxicity to Human Cells."

Third place: Capt. Michelle Buehner, general

surgery, "Exsanguination Shock in the Combat Zone."

Clinical Vignette Poster Presentations:

First place: Capt. Alisa Miller, internal medicine, "Humoral Hypercalcemia of Uterine STUMP During Early Pregnancy."

Second place: Capt. Nam Nguyen, internal medicine, "Metastatic Merkel Cell Carcinoma: An Aggressive Disease Presenting as Weakness."

Third place: Capt. Paola Rosa, obstetrics/gynecology, "Klinefelter Syndrome can be Detected by Prenatal Genitalia Development."

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